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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants hereby request that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) an Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.97. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Title:

Please delete the existing title and replace therefore --Secreted Protein HFEAF41 --.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, please replace the first paragraph and the subsequent priority table with the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to United States Patent Application No. 09/966,262, filed October 1, 2001, which is a continuation of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to United States Patent Application No. 09/154,707, filed September 17, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to International Patent Application No: PCT/US98/05311, filed March 19, 1998, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States Provisional Application Nos. 60/041,277, 60/042,344, 60/041,276, 60/041,281, each of which was filed on March 21, 1997; 60/048,094, 60/048,350, 60/048,188, 60/048,135, 60/050,937, 60/048,187, 60/048,099, 60/048,352, 60/048,186, 60/048,069, 60/048,095, 60/048,131, 60/048,096,